

# The Church That Changes The World

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

THIS CHURCH CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Paul applauds the church in  
three areas that they  
displayed:

# 1) A Work of Faith: v.3

“A true saving belief in Jesus Christ will always result in the mighty work of God that produces change in one’s nature or disposition. A work of faith is action representative of the transforming power of regeneration. Simply stated, those who were saved engage in holy, righteous deeds to the honor of God.” (Johnny Hunt)

Ephesians 2:8; “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

James 2:18; “But someone will say,  
you have faith, and I have works.  
Show me your faith without your  
works and I will show you my faith  
by my works.

v.19; You believe that there is one god.  
You do well, Even the demons believe  
and tremble!

v.20; But do you want to know O foolish  
man, that faith without works is dead?



v.21; Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

v.22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works of faith was made perfect?

v.26; For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

## 2) A Labor of Love: v.3

Labor: the word denotes an arduous, wearying kind of toil, done to the point of exhaustion.

What kind of love can make a person love until it hurts?

- A Love for Christ:
- A love for our brothers in Christ
- A Love for others:
- A love for one's enemies:
- A Love that lead them to invest their time, talents, and money in the lives of others.

## 4) A Hope That Endures: v.3

Hebrews 6:10: “For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

v.11; And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end.”